

Commonwealth Diploma Requirements

Requirements for the Commonwealth Diploma (704 KAR 3:340) were revised and adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education on March 2, 1988 and are as follows:

1. Successful completion of at least 22 approved units of credit, including all the minimum unit requirements for high school graduation set forth in 704 KAR 3:305 and any additional units specified by the applicable local board of education.
2. Successful completion of all minimum requirements of the Precollege Curriculum established by the Council on Postsecondary Education. Minimum Precollege preparation requirements are as follows:
 - (a) Language arts- four (4) units (English I, II, III, and IV);
 - (b) Mathematics- three (3) units (Algebra I or Algebra II, geometry, and one (1) elective);
 - (c) Science- two (2) units (Biology I or Chemistry I, or Physics I, and one (1) elective); and
 - (d) Social Studies- two (2) units (including World Civilization and U.S. History).
1. A. Successful completion (i.e. receiving a grade of “C” or equivalent) of at least four (4) courses as described in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program Course Description booklets of the College Entrance Examination Board;
 - (a) English (1 course)
 - (b) Science or Mathematics (1 course selected from biology, chemistry, physics, or mathematics)
 - (c) Foreign Language (1 course selected from French, German, Latin, or Spanish)
 - (d) One additional AP course (selected from English, science, foreign language, history, computer science, political science, music, or art); or
- B. Successful completion (i.e. receiving a grade or the equivalent of “C” or better) of at least four (4) courses as designated and which contain essential content as described in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program course description booklets from International Baccalaureate North America, Inc.:
 - (e) Language A, the student’s first language (English), - one (1) course;
 - (f) Natural or experimental science or mathematics – one (1) course (selected from biology, chemistry, physics, or mathematics);
 - (g) Language B, a foreign language- one (1) course (selected from French or Spanish); and
 - (h) One (1) additional IB or AP course.
1. Completion of one (1) AP examination in at least three (3) of the AP or IB areas specified in subsection (3) without regard to score.